

Introduced by Senator Morrow

April 21, 2003

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 24—Relative to highway designations.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 24, as introduced, Morrow. California Highway Patrol Officers Stephen M. Linen, Jr. and Sean Nava Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate 2 unspecified portions of State Highway Route 5 in the County of San Diego to the memory of California Highway Patrol Officers Stephen M. Linen, Jr. and Sean Nava. The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost for appropriate signs showing these designations and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering those costs, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, The calling to be a peace officer is one of the
- 2 highest vocations of public service and any individual who accepts
- 3 this calling is worthy of the highest respect and honor the
- 4 community, state, and nation can provide; and
- 5 WHEREAS, California Highway Patrol Officer Stephen M.
- 6 Linen, Jr., badge number 13812, was killed in the line of duty
- 7 during the morning of August 12, 2001. Stephen M. Linen, Jr. was
- 8 issuing a citation on State Highway Route 5 near Leucadia
- 9 Boulevard in Encinitas when a drunken-driving suspect collided
- 10 into his patrol vehicle and struck the officer; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Stephen M. Linen, Jr. succumbed to his injuries as
- 12 a result of the collision; and

1 WHEREAS, Stephen M. Linen, Jr. is survived by his mother,
2 Mary Monahan, father, Stephen Linen, Sr., brother, Chris Linen,
3 and many beloved family members, and friends; and

4 WHEREAS, Stephen M. Linen, Jr. was born on July 22, 1970,
5 in San Jose, California. He moved to San Diego in 1985, and lived
6 in the Rancho Bernardo area. Stephen M. Linen, Jr. attended and
7 graduated from Mount Carmel High School in 1988; and

8 WHEREAS, Prior to beginning his career with the California
9 Highway Patrol, Stephen M. Linen, Jr. graduated from California
10 State University, San Diego with a degree in Criminal Justice in
11 1993. Stephen M. Linen, Jr. pursued and achieved his goal of
12 obtaining a private pilot's license; and

13 WHEREAS, Stephen M. Linen, Jr. joined the California
14 Highway Patrol on July 25, 1994. After successfully completing
15 his academy training, he reported to the Monterey area as an
16 officer on January 26, 1995; and

17 WHEREAS, Stephen M. Linen, Jr. made significant
18 contributions to traffic safety and assisting the motoring public
19 while assigned to the Monterey, San Diego, and Oceanside Area
20 offices; and

21 WHEREAS, Stephen M. Linen, Jr. was nominated for the Burn
22 Institute's "Spirit of Courage Award" for his 1998 act of bravery
23 and heroism when he rescued a man trapped in a burning vehicle
24 on State Highway Route 5 in San Diego; and

25 WHEREAS, Stephen M. Linen, Jr. served six years, seven
26 months, as a sworn peace officer for the California Highway Patrol
27 and was known by his fellow officers for his dedication to the
28 department and to the protection of the citizens of our state; and

29 WHEREAS, California Highway Patrol Officer Sean Nava,
30 badge number 12890, was killed in the line of duty during the
31 morning of October 28, 2000. Sean Nava was investigating an
32 earlier traffic collision on Interstate 5 in the City of Carlsbad when
33 a drunken driving suspect collided into him; and

34 WHEREAS, Sean Nava succumbed to his injuries as a result of
35 the collision; and

36 WHEREAS, Sean Nava is survived by his wife, Melanie,
37 daughter, Alexandria, son, Patrick, and many beloved family
38 members, and friends; and

39 WHEREAS, Sean Nava was born on April 8, 1967, in West
40 Covina, California. His family moved to Oceanside when he was



1 one year old. Sean Nava attended and graduated from Oceanside
2 High School; and

3 WHEREAS, Prior to beginning his career with the California
4 Highway Patrol, Sean Nava enlisted in the United States Army. He
5 honorably served his country as an Army Military Police Officer
6 in Germany and in Herlong, California. As an Army Military
7 Police Officer, he conducted undercover narcotics investigations
8 with the Army Criminal Investigation Division. Sean Nava was
9 honorably discharged at the rank of sergeant; and

10 WHEREAS, Sean Nava joined the California Highway Patrol
11 on July 31, 1989. After successfully completing his academy
12 training he reported to the San Jose Area on December 21, 1989;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Sean Nava made significant contributions to
15 traffic safety and assisting the motoring public while assigned to
16 the Monterey, San Diego, and Oceanside Area offices; and

17 WHEREAS, Sean Nava was posthumously awarded the Medal
18 of Valor for his off-duty act of bravery and heroism when he
19 attempted to rescue the driver of a vehicle that had collided with
20 a residence and propane tank, and subsequently erupted in flames.
21 Without regard to his own personal safety, Sean Nava and a citizen
22 made repeated attempts to rescue the trapped driver; and

23 WHEREAS, Sean Nava served 11 years, three months, as a
24 sworn peace officer for the California Highway Patrol and was
25 known by his fellow officers for his dedication to the department
26 and to the protection of the citizens of our state; and

27 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
28 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the
29 portion of State Highway Route 5 between ____ and ____ in the
30 County of San Diego to the memory of California Highway Patrol
31 Officer Stephen M. Linen, Jr.; and be it further

32 *Resolved*, That the Legislature hereby designates the portion of
33 State Highway Route 5 between ____ and ____ in the County of
34 San Diego to the memory of California Highway Patrol Officer
35 Sean Nava; and be it further

36 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested to
37 determine the costs of erecting appropriate signs, consistent with
38 the signing requirements for the state highway system, showing
39 these special designations, and, upon receiving donations from



- 1 nonstate sources covering the cost, to erect those signs; and be it
- 2 further
- 3 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
- 4 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

